

REMARKS

Claim 1 remains in the application and has been amended hereby with claims 2 and 3 having been canceled, without prejudice or disclaimer.

Reconsideration is respectfully requested of the rejection of the claims under 35 USC 103, as being unpatentable over Shiozaki et al. in view of Inoue.

As explained in the present specification and shown in the drawings, the present invention is intended to provide an electronic device that has a battery storing container formed as a parallelepiped, that is, a six-sided cubic structure. An object of the present invention is to reduce the overall size of the electronic device by utilizing five of the external planes of this battery case. An image display device is placed on one surface, a record medium storing portion is placed on another external portion, and circuit boards are placed on the remaining three external planes of the battery storing container. In order to keep the size at a minimum, there is no overlapping of any of the circuit boards or the image display unit or the record medium container.

Furthermore, the circuit board at the upper surface and the surface opposite the opening in the battery case is formed in an L-shape with a predetermined width portion connecting the top circuit board and the circuit board on the surface opposite the opening of the battery case. This provides further

reduction in the overall size of the assembled electronic device.

Claim 1 has been amended hereby to emphasize the above-noted features of the present invention.

Shiozaki et al. relates to a camera that also includes a plurality of circuit boards. In Shiozaki et al. some of the circuit boards are overlapping in relationship with other of the circuit boards. As seen in Fig. 8, switch circuit board 75 overlaps the strobe circuit board 74 with the power supply circuit board 73 being sandwiched inside the switch circuit board 75. This contributes to an increase in the overall size of the camera body. Moreover, although the switch circuit board 75 has a downwardly depending portion, that portion is not arranged in a non-overlapping relationship and is not arranged on the surface of the battery storing container that is opposite the opening of such battery storing container.

Inoue is cited for showing circuit boards in a non-overlapping relationship and in that regard two circuit boards are provided on two main surfaces of the battery case. The teaching of Inoue and the placement of the circuit boards is substantially similar to the showing of Fig. 4A of the present application that is acknowledged as being the prior art approach.

Knowledge of Inoue when constructing the camera of Shiozaki et al. would not have rendered obvious the present

invention, because Shiozaki et al. has too many circuit boards, is why some are in an overlapping relationship. Thus, even combining Inoue with Shiozaki et al. the present invention would have not been rendered obvious because there is no suggestion as to what to do with the remaining circuit boards of Shiozaki et al.


Furthermore, the combination of references does not disclose the L-shaped circuit boards that extend over the upper external plane and the external plane opposite the first external plane of the battery storing container as in the presently claimed invention.

Accordingly, by reason of the amendments made to the claims hereby, as well as the above remarks, it is respectfully submitted that an electronic device, as taught by the present invention and as recited in the amended claims, is neither shown nor suggested in the cited references, alone or in combination.

Entry of this amendment is earnestly solicited and it is respectfully submitted that this amendment raises no new issues requiring further consideration and/or search because only the previously recited structure has only been recited with more clarity.

Favorable reconsideration is earnestly solicited.

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